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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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 All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 08/17/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2 and 4-20.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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of Biological Material | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Khoi Nguyen on 10/28/05.

The application has been amended as follow:

Claim 1 line 7 delete " and".

Claim 1 line 10 after "functional block"; insert --, **wherein the first functional block further comprises a mapped movement register residing in one or more FPGA CLBs of the first functional block, and wherein the mapped movement register stores the direction and distance of a next step of the movement of the first functional block--.**

Claim 3 has been canceled.

Claim 4 line 1 change "claim 3" to – claim 2--.

Claim 9 line 7 delete " and".

Claim 9 lines 11 after "functional block"; insert --; **providing in the first functional block a mapped movement register residing in one or more FPGA CLBs of the first functional block;**

using the mapped movement register to store the direction and distance of a next step of the movement of the first functional block--.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

2. Claims 1, 2, 4-20 are allowed because the prior art does not teach or suggest a structure and method comprising: an FPGA (Field-programmable Gate Array) including a plurality of FPGA elements, each of the FPGA elements comprising an FPGA CLB (Configurable Logic Block), wherein each FPGA element in the FPGA is assigned an address and is configured to provide its address, wherein a first subset of the FPGA elements is configured to form a first functional block, wherein the first functional block comprises a mapped location register residing in one or more FPGA CLBS of the first functional block, and wherein the mapped location register stores the address of a current location FPGA element, the current location FPGA element being in the first functional block and the address of the current location FPGA element being specified as the location of the first functional block, wherein the first functional block further comprises a mapped movement register residing in one or more FPGA CLBs of the first functional block, and wherein the mapped movement register stores the direction and distance of a next step of the movement of the first functional block.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Binh C. Tat whose telephone number is (703) 305-4855. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 - 4:00 (M-F).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mathew Smith can be reached on (703) 308-1323. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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